

and collected memorabilia which he has displayed at various functions. He prepared a small display here for our employees one President's Day as well as another on the July 4 Independence Day.

He is an unusual man who has done a service to others by reminding us of our government, our freedom and our history in this special way.

I hope you will be able to give him an opportunity to again show his collection.

Sincerely,

DORIS A. HORTON,
Director, Human Resources.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
Cloquet, MN.

I have known Joe Peterson for over ten years and during that time he has worked on a history of Washington Elementary School, talked in our Grade 4 classrooms on state symbols for Minnesota Day, and visited various classrooms discussing our presidents. His drive and enthusiasm are self evident in his thorough presentations.

Respectfully,

T.M. WALSH,
Principal, Washington Elementary School.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Cloquet, MN.

Joe has done extensive work in researching the lives and accomplishments of our presidents. He deserves recognition.

Joe Peterson has also done much valuable work with the history of our congregation. He has articulate knowledge about each of the pastors, significant congregational members, and specific dates. He has also helped considerably in this work in the history of other congregations. He has put much time and effort into all of the above.

Sincerely,

DENNIS C. MORREIM,
Senior Pastor.

CLOQUET CO-OP CREDIT UNION,
Cloquet MN.

In our community, Joe has become quite a historian and was recognized just one week ago in our local newspaper for the historical work that he has done. Joe does outstanding work and is highly committed to the endeavor of becoming an expert on our past presidents. I write this letter to you on behalf of Joe Peterson and should you have any questions as to his reputation or work ethic, please by all means feel free to be in touch with me.

Sincerely,

DEL D. PREVOST,
President.

CARLTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
Cloquet, MN.

Joe has been a member of our Society for a long time. He has done research on the presidents and other sources.

We have all gotten along very well with Joe and he is always willing to pass on help when he can.

Sincerely,

FERN M. OLSON,
KATHLEEN MONSON.

I have known Joe Peterson for about five years. He is a very nice young fellow, ambitious and always willing to give a helping hand.

He gave several programs at the senior center about the presidents. It was very moving to hear him talk about them. He knows where and when they were born, about their history and backgrounds. Then, a couple of months later, he put on one about their wives, which was very interesting also.

He's put on programs at several other places, too.

He is a very smart young fellow and well liked by everyone.

VIOLET I. LOMPNEY,
Duluth, Minnesota.

FAMILY DAY IN TENNESSEE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, recently the Tennessee General Assembly sent me a resolution declaring the last Sunday in August as Family Day in Tennessee. They asked for my support to make this a National day.

The parent/child relationship is one of the most important in our society. Children learn lessons at home which shape and guide their future. No one would dispute that a loving, supportive homelife would benefit any child.

As the family deteriorates, so does American society. We can readily see that many of the problems our Country now faces have coincided with the breakdown of the family. As a father of four, I appreciate the importance this legislation places on the worth of the family.

Unfortunately, Congress no longer considers legislation for commemorative days. While this rule will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in operating and staff time, it does not allow for the recognition of National days of importance, such as Tennessee's proposed National Family Day.

Therefore, I ask that the Tennessee General Assembly's resolution be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that my colleagues may benefit from such an eloquent and worthwhile memorial.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 97

A Resolution Memorializing the United States Congress to establish a day of national observance in honor of the American family.

Whereas, One of the most trustworthy indicators of the health, strength and progress of a nation is the esteem in which the family is held; and

Whereas, Family strength, unity and respect cannot be purchased or fabricated, but comes to us instead when families are together and realize that through interaction they know love, trust and hope; and

Whereas, Life is special when we realize the worth of the family and its importance in all relationships; and

Whereas, The family is the center of our affections and the foundation of our American society; and

Whereas, No institution can take the family's place in giving meaning to human life and stability in our society; and

Whereas, It is fitting that official recognition be given to the importance of strengthening family life; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the ninety-ninth general assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, That this General Assembly hereby memorializes the U.S. Congress to enact legislation establishing the last Sunday of August of each year as a day of national observance to be known as "Family Day" in order to focus attention and to confer honor upon the importance of the American family as the cornerstone of our society.

Be it further resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, the Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the

United States, and to each member of the Tennessee delegation to the U.S. Congress.

"CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BLASTS CLINTON"

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, last week, spokesmen from the Clinton administration took aim at the supposed pork in highway projects. But, as with other matters, they had a hard time with the truth. First, they confused the House rescissions bill with the historic 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 [ISTEA], a stunning error made by the former Budget Committee Chairman, Leon Panetta.

Then, they criticized 10 projects in my district as wasteful, claiming that the money would be better spent on building schools and training teachers. Wrong again. These projects are extremely worthwhile. Moreover, they are funded with transportation trust fund dollars, which by law cannot be spent on anything but highway construction and improvements.

The largest newspaper from my Ninth District of Pennsylvania, the Altoona Mirror, instantly and eloquently spoke up on this matter, with the following superb editorial:

ROUTE 220 IS NOT PORK

President Clinton is off-base in attacking highway projects in central Pennsylvania and especially in trying to label the completion of new route 220 as a pork project.

Few projects are as important to the economic health of central Pennsylvania and the safety of motorists than completing the limited-access highway link between Bald Eagle and interstate 80. Our region has already seen some benefits from the new highway between Bedford and Tyrone. Now we need the rest of the link to the State college/I-80 area.

Companies are locating in the Bedford, Blair, and Centre counties region because they know that new route 220 will give them easy access to the Pennsylvania turnpike and points south and to interstate 80 and the northern tier of States, including the metropolitan New York market.

It is unbelievable that our president could perceive such a vital link as a pork project. He accused Republicans in Congress of "caring more about pork than people."

Well, Mr. President, the northern leg of route 220 and the other road projects you attacked are being planned because they are about people, their safety, and their jobs. The other projects criticized by Clinton were the route 22 bypass of Hollidaysburg, the relocation of route 22 north of Lewistown and a new turning lane on route 36 in Roaring Spring.

We believe a legitimate need exists for all of these projects in terms of public safety, and we are glad that Representative Bud Shuster is working to bring these road improvements to fruition.

While we have seen disputes on the exact routing, we believe area residents generally agree that route 22 traffic creates hazards in the Hollidaysburg and Lewistown areas. And anyone who ever has been caught in traffic on route 36 doesn't think that a turning lane in Roaring Spring is pork.

Clinton said Thursday, "Special interest road projects—nine in one congressional district—are not as important as giving our